

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 9, 2005. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 19, 21 to 26 and 28 to 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,636,329 (Koppich). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

The present invention generally concerns management of peripherals and more specifically management of peripherals using configuration profiles associated with specific users. For a given peripheral, there are a plurality of configuration profiles. Each profile comprises a set of configuration parameters defining a particular configuration of the peripheral. When a user requests the use of the peripheral, a configuration profile is selected according to the user. In particular, parameters defining the configuration profile of the peripheral for a given user concern the use of black-and-white or color printing, print quality, and so on.

In this respect, a single printer may be used by several users; for example, in an office environment with different profiles granted to the different users. For this reason, the same content can be printed differently on a given printer with given capacities, according to different user characteristics as stored in the user profiles.

Specifically, Claim 1 is directed to a method of determining a configuration profile for an electronic document processing peripheral, the configuration profile representing a set of configuration parameters defining an operating mode of the peripheral, a set of fixed values of the parameters defining a particular configuration of the peripheral. The method comprises the steps of obtaining a user identification data item; determining user characteristics as a function of the user identification data item; and determining, as a function of the user characteristics, a configuration profile applicable for configuring the operating mode of the peripheral for a document processing request coming from said user.

Conversely, Koppich, discloses a system wherein each end-user is associated with a set-top-box and at least one printer. A user executes a process at a remote Internet-based site and requests a print job. This remote site transmits the print job to a printer connected to the end-user's set-top-box. A local entity on the set-top-box stores a directory of user profiles, including user identification and user preferences and blocking filters.

By using this entity, a print job initiated by a remote process can be discarded if it does not meet the pre-specified filtering criteria authorizing the printing. On the contrary, the print job is executed on the client printer when it meets such criteria.

Thus, the end-user profile is taken into account to determine whether the filtering criteria are met but not to configure the operating mode of a printer.

In this respect, according to Koppich, the same content which is be sent by a remote process is printed identically, regardless of which printer are selected and regardless of the relation to various end-users, once the filtering criteria have been met for the end-users.

However, in the Office Action, it is asserted that Koppich discloses obtaining a user identification data item, determining user characteristics as a function of the user identification data item and determining, as a function of the user characteristics, a configuration profile. However, Koppich clearly discloses that the printer configuration is not a function of user characteristics. Instead, the printer configuration is associated with a user profile for the user corresponding to the printers to which the print job is ultimately destined. (See Koppich, column 8, lines 63 to 66). Koppich further discloses that “(u)ser profiles preferably include at least an identification of printer configuration and type of printer 12 connected to the user's set top box.” (See Koppich, column 8, line 66 to column 9, line 14). Accordingly, Koppich discloses that the printer configuration is not a function of the user characteristics but is merely associated with a set-top box. Therefore, Koppich, fails to disclose determining, as a function of the user characteristics, a configuration profile applicable for configuring the operating mode of

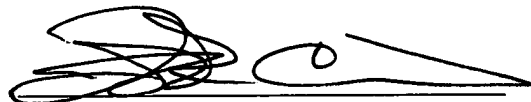
the peripheral for a document processing request coming from said user. Therefore, a system in accordance with the disclosures of Koppich cannot print the document on a given printer differently in accordance with peripheral configuration profiles which are a function of user characteristics.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that the entire application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience. However, if the Examiner does not agree with this assessment of the application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact Applicants' representative as indicated below in order that an Interview may be scheduled to discuss the application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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